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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 1-68, without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

--69. (new) A method for at least one of the following:

- (A) identifying a mutation point of a gene derived from a mutant of a coryneform bacterium,
- (B) measuring an expression amount of a gene derived from a coryneform bacterium,
- (C) analyzing an expression profile of a gene derived from a coryneform bacterium,

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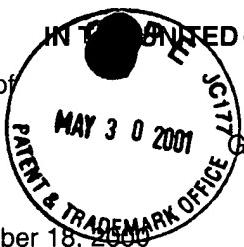
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previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0 x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent claims after amendment	3	minus highest number		
previously paid for	3	(at least 3) =	0 x \$ 80.00	\$ 0.00
proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper)				\$ 0.00
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